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SUBJECT: PRG AND GRUNK AT UNGA

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1. AFTER RECEIVING REFTELS AND STATE 222028 WE CONSULTED WITH JAPANESE, WHO DID NOT RECEIVE ANY INSTRUCTIONS ON SUBJECT UNTIL LATER AFTERNOON NOV 12. ALTHOUGH INSTRUCTED TO CONSULT WITH US, THAI, AND INDONESIAN EMBASSIES JAPANESE AMBASSADOR UEDA TOOK MATTER UP IMMEDIATELY WITH MFA STATE SECRETARY ASTROM. ASTROM ASSURED JAPANESE AMBASSADOR SWEDEN WILL ABSTAIN ON RESOLUTION TO UNSEAT GKR AND REPLACE WITH GRUNK, THAT SWEDEN "ALWAYS" ABSTAINED ON SUCH RESOLUTIONS. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR THEN MADE STRONG
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PITCH THAT SWEDEN SHOULD VOTE AGAINST RESOLUTION BECAUSE

ACCORDING HIS INFORMATION IT WOULD BE DECIDED BY ONE OR TWO VOTES AND THUS ABSTENTATION WOULD HAVE SAME EFFECT AS VOTING FOR RESOLUTION AND ASSURING ITS PASSAGE. ASTROM TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF ARGUMENTS AND UEDA BELIEVES THERE IS CHANCE SWEDEN COULD BE PERSUADED TO VOTE AGAINST RESOLUTION.

2. UEDA INTENDS ENLIST INDONESIAN AND THAI AMBASSADORS IN EFFORT TODAY IF POSSIBLE AND SUGGESTED WE HOLD OFF ANY APPROACHES FOR TIME BEING AS GOS MORE LIKELY TO BE SWAYED BY ASIANS ON THIS ISSUE. I AGREE AND WILL HOLD OFF APPROACHING MFA AGAIN FORMALLY ON THIS SUBJECT AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER THAI AND INDONESIANS WEIGHT IN.

3. DEPARTMENT USUN SHOULD NOTE THAT BOTH STATE REFTELS HAVE SWEDEN IN WRONG COLUMN, ACCORDING TO ASTROM, ON ALGERIAN RESOLUTION TO UNSEAT GKR. ASTROM INDICATED TO UEDA GOS NEVER INTENDED VOTE FOR RESOLUTION. IF SWEDISH UN DELEGATION INDEED INTENDS VOTE FOR IT USUN MIGHT SUGGEST THEY CHECK WITH STOCKHOLM.

4. ON PRG AND GRUNK ATTENDANCE AT LOS THERE IS SOME CONFUSION HERE AS TO STATE-OF-PLAY IN NEW YORK. JAPANESE, WHO HAVE LENGTHY AND DETAILED REPORTS FROM THEIR UN DELEGATION, FIRMLY BELIEVE MATTER OF ATTENDANCE AT LOS WAS SETTLED IN MID-OCTOBER ON VIENNA FORMULA. JAPANESE HERE SAY THAT, ALTHOUGH ALGERIANS AND OTHERS MIGHT HAVE SOME VAGUE INTENTIONS OF GETTING MATTER RECONSIDERED, THERE IS VERY LITTLE CHANCE THEY CAN GET SUCH AN ITEM INSCRIBED ON UNGA PLENARY AGENDA. THEREFORE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR DID NOT RPT NOT APPROACH GOS ON THEIR INTENTIONS RE SEATING AT LOS, AND HAS NO INTENTION OF SO DOING UNLESS HE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS.

5. RE PRG ATTENDANCE AT LOS SWEDES WILL ABSTAIN, AS REPORTED STOCKHOLM REFTEL, AND I ASSUME THAT THEY WILL ABSTAIN ALSO ON ANY VOTE RE GRUNK ATTENDANCE AT LOS, ALTHOUGH NEITHER WE NOR JAPANESE HAVE MADE A SPECIFIC APPROACH ON GRUNK/GKR AT LOS.

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6. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST USUN CLARIFY ASAP FOR US LOS INVITEE SITUATION IN VIEW OF APPARENT CONTRADICTION TO JAPANESE UNDERSTANDING AND, IF NECESSARY, TO ENCOURAGE JAPANESE, INDONESIAN AND THAI USUN MISSIONS TO STRAIGHTEN OUT THEIR EMBASSIES HERE. I SHALL BE MEETING NEW FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON (AS WELL AS STROM) AT MFA THIS AFTERNOON LOCAL TIME. WHILE I BELIEVE IT WOULD NOT BE USEFUL TO SHOULDER AHEAD OF ASIANS ON THIS MATTER, I

SHALL LOOK FOR SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE NEW FORNMIN
AWARE THAT WE REGARD THIS PRO-GRUNK, PRO-PRG CAPER AS A
SERIOUS MATTER.
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